SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 10, 2006

FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT ARRESTED

A former employee of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department was arrested by SLED agents on Monday, July 10, 2006, and charged with **Obstruction of Justice, Forgery, and Embezzlement of Public Funds.**

The former employee is identified as **Melissa Price McDowell**, 39, of 811 North Harper Street, Laurens, South Carolina. She was arrested on Monday afternoon at approximately 12:05 p.m. and was booked at the R. Eugene Johnson Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department. The case will be prosecuted by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrants Attached.

S.C. Attorney General April 21, 2003 SCCA 618

ARREST WARRANT	STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
K- 131122	X County/ Municipality of LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before
County/ Municipality of LAURENS COUNTY	being duly sworn deposes and did within this county and s
	State of South Carolina (or
THE STATE	in the following particulars:
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 0 C/L 17-25-30
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Address: 811 NORTH HARPER STREET LAURENS, SC 29360	the crime set forth and that prof D S MADDEN STATES UNE
Phone: 484 489 SSN:	DID BETWEEN FEBRUARY
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The accused	X County/ Municipality of
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Signature of Judge (LS.)	It appearing from the
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Date:	X County/ Municipality of _
RETURN	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 0
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	Sworn to and subscribed before me
RETURN WARRANT TO: PAUL D. LYLES	Paul D. Lelis
TEMPLETON RD. PO. BOX 925	

LAURENS, SC 29360

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE
did within this county and state on 03/23/06 violate the criminal laws of the
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in the following particulars:
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I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts: D S MADDEN STATES UNDER OATH UPON INVESTIGATION THAT MELLISSA P MCDOWELL
DID BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1, 2004 THRU MARCH 23, 2006, WHILE EMPLOYED AS A
COUNSELOR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT IN THE
COUNTY OF LAURENS, OFFER MONEY TO A WITNESS DURING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
TO GIVE FALSE STATEMENTS TO LAW ENFORECEMENT REGARDING CHECKS ISSUED BY THE
SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT. THE FACTS ARE BASED
ON STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS. THIS OCCURRED IN LAURENS COUNTY.
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Affiant's Address GREENVILLE, SC 29601
X County/ Municipality of 1 864 667-8111 000 0000
LAURENS Affiant's Telephone
ARREST WARRANT
TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:
It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 03/23/06 defendant MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
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C/L 17-25-30
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Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
Sworn to and subscribed before me
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Signature of Issuing Judge) Judge's Telephone 864 683-4485
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ARREST WARRANT	
K- 131120	
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	
County/ Municipality of	
LAURENS COUNTY	
THE STATE	
against	
MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE	
Address: 811 NORTH HARPER STREET	
LAURENS, SC 29360	
Phone: SSN:	
Sex: F Race: B Height: "Weight:	
DL State:DL#:	
DOB: 02/17/1967 Agency ORI#:	
Prosecuting Agency:	
Prosecuting Officer: MADDEN, DEBBIE S	
Offense: FORGERY, OVER \$5,000.	
Offense Code: 0491	
Code/Ordinance Sec16-13-10(8)(1)	
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further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts: D. S. MADDEN STATES UNDER OATH UPON INVESTIGATION THAT MELLISSA P MCDOWELL DID BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1, 2004 THRU MARCH 23, 2006, WHILE EMPLOYED AS A COUNSELOR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS, FORGED CLIENTS SIGNATURES ON CHECKS ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL RAHABILITATION DEPARTMENT \$5,000.00 OR MORE AND CONVERTED SAID FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE. THE FACTS ARE BASED ON STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS.
Signature of Affiant Affiant's Address 301 E NORTH ST SUITE 127 GREENVILLE, SC 29601
X County/ Municipality of) LAURENS Affiant's Telephone 864 467-8111 000-0000 ARREST WARRANT
TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:
It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that on 03/23/06 defendant MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
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(LS.) LAURENS, SC 29360
Signature of Issufact Judge Judge's Telephone 864 683-4485 Judge Code: 787 Issuing Court: Magistrate Municipal Circuit
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	Personally appeared before me the affiant MADDEN DEBBIES who
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LAURENS COUNTY	did within this county and state on
	State of South Carolina (or ordinance of X County/ Municipality of LAURENS)
THE STATE	in the following particulars:
against	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: EMBEZZLEMENT/EMBEZZLEMENT PUBLIC FUNDS)\$5000.
	16-13-0210(1)
MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE	I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
Address: 811 NORTH HARPER STREET	the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:
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Sex: E Race: B Height: ' Weight:	COUNSELOR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT IN THE
DL State:DL#:	COUNTY OF LAURENS, EMBEZZLE FUNDS FROM SOUTH
DOB: 02/17/1967 Agency ORI#:	CAROLINA VOCATIONAL RAHABILITATION DEPARTMENT \$5,000.00 OR MORE AND
	CONVERTED SAID FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE. THE FACTS ARE BASED ON STATEMENTS AND
Prosecuting Agency:	DOCUMENTS.
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Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-13-0210(11)	Signature of Affiant
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Signature of Judge	on 03/23/06 defendant MCDOUFIL MELICIA PRICE
Date:	on 03/23/06 defendant MCDOWELL MELISSA PRICE did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
Date.	County/ Municipality of LAURENS) as set forth below:
RETURN	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: EMBEZZLEMENT/EMBEZZLEMENT PUBLIC FUNDS >\$5000.
A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to	16-13-0210(1)
defendant MCDOWELL. MELISSA PRICE	
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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer	Sworn to and subscribed before me
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